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THE GAYS

We Need a New Word for 'Fag Hag'

The collective gay hive mind has given all sorts of crap to people who use the f-word (as in "fag"), like Brett Ratner and Kobe Bryant, but even gay men walk around calling our closest female friends "fag hags." Well, it's time for an alternative.

I've been doing the same thing, walking around talking about and bitching about "fag hags" for years. I even called Kelly Ripa a "celebrity fag hag" yesterday. I figured if the girls called themselves that and the guys called themselves that, what's the big deal? After Gawker commenters raised some concerns, I actually thought about it. First, it's degrading to women by calling them "hags" and, if you've spent any time with the women who hang around gays in New York you'll know that they are often more attractive and well put together than the average lady.

Also, it refers to their gay friends as "fags" something we wouldn't even tolerate if Liza Minnelli called us that (maybe Judy, but not Liza!). When we toss it around to each other, that's kind of OK, but it's taken on a life of its own. Like so many other terms that once you would only hear in Chelsea or West

Hollywood, "fag hag" has gotten into the mainstream, so if average (read: straight) Americans out there are using it, maybe we need something with a better message.

The problem is the alternatives all suck. Most people fight for "fruit fly," but it is so cutesy and silly and stupid. And, just like a flock of screeching bachelorettes in a gay strip club, a fly is also a pest, a nuisance. The girls that hang around with predominantly gay men usually aren't that at all. I also hate the girls who are all "my gays" or "my best gay" like their friend is some sort of accessory, like he's some bedazzled Prada purse who you take shopping and, every time you

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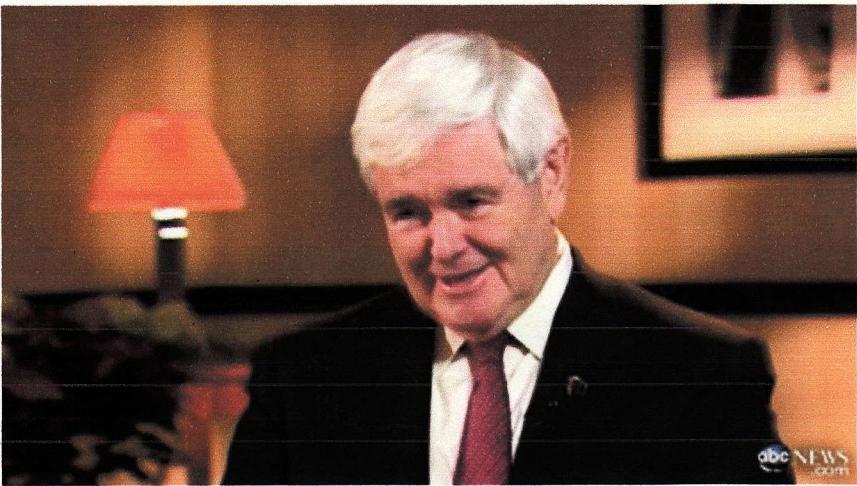
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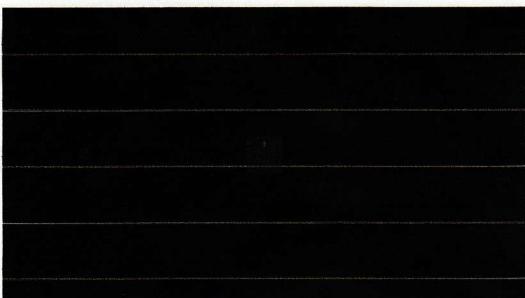
That's it, folks! Roll up the circus tents and pack up the wagons: The nationwide search for a foe worthy enough to do battle with President Obama in the 2012 presidential election is finally over. The nominee is Newt Gingrich. It's done! Over. Kaput. Newt said as much to ABC News' Jake Tapper this afternoon:

GINGRICH: "I don't have to go around and point out the inconsistencies of people who are not going to be the nominee. They are not going to be the nominee."

TAPPER: "You are going to be the nominee?"

GINGRICH: "I'm going to be the nominee. It's very hard not to look at the recent polls and think that the odds are very high I'm going to be the nominee."

Wait — it's hard not to look at the recent polls and think that the odds are very high that he *will* be the nominee? Doesn't he mean it's hard not to look at the recent polls and think that the odds are very high that he *won't* be the nominee? What kind of convoluted declaration of overwhelming party support is that supposed to be, anyway? If this is the kind of mixed messages were getting this early in his campaign, Newt is all but a goner on election day. He should try not being so decisive in public; it's really not a good look on him.



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